

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is provided an in-line egg labelling system for applying a label on eggs travelling into grippers of a conveyer, such as a chain conveyer, said system comprising at least one labelling device mounted beneath said conveyer and provided with a label applying arm for applying a label on an exposed area of an egg surface, preferably on a generally downwardly facing area thereof. The conveyer is preferably part of an egg packing system comprising a packing controller. The labelling system further comprises a computerised labelling control system and a user interface for the automatic individual selection of the eggs to be labelled on the basis of at least one user set parameter and one input parameter communicated by the packing controller to indicate the destination of each egg. In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the operation is based on two user set parameters, which are a) the destinations for which eggs are to be labelled and 2) the desired ratio for the number of labelled eggs/number of packed eggs per destination. The labelling controller and interface further perform generation and output of statistical data for user information and follow-up.

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